IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend claims 1, 6, 8-9, 11, 15-19, and 22-27 as follow below.

Please cancel claims 5 and 12 without prejudice.

Please add new dependent claim 33 as follows below.

The following claim listing replaces all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

MARKED UP VERSION OF CLAIMS

1   1.   (Currently Amended) A method of providing monetary
2   credits to a guest at a coverage area, comprising:
3   receiving payment from said guest for said
4   monetary credits;
5   reading [[an]] a radio frequency identification
6   (RFID) tag worn by said guest to obtain a tag
7   identifier;
8   accessing a guest data object stored in a central
9   server using said tag identifier; and
10   modifying information stored in said central
11   server related to monetary credits in a data field of
12   [[a]] said guest data object based on an amount of said
13   payment.

1   2.   (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein
2   receiving said payment is by a credit card.

1   3.   (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein
2   receiving said payment is by a debit card.

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1   4.   (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein
2   receiving said payment is by cash.

1   5.   (Cancelled)

1   6.   (Currently Amended) The method of claim [[5]] 1,
2 wherein
3   reading said identification tag comprises
4   using an RFID reader to read said guest
5   identifier from said RFID tag.

1   7.   (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein
2   modifying said monetary credits information
3   comprises
4   a processor modifying said monetary credit
5   information stored in said data field of said
6   guest data object.

1   8.   (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1, further
2 comprising:
3   transmitting said tag identifier and said payment
4   amount from a service terminal or kiosk system to [[a]]
5   said central server by way of a communications link.

1   9.   (Currently Amended) The method of claim 8, further
2 comprising:
3   transmitting credit card information from said
4   service terminal or kiosk system to said central server
5   by way of said communications link.

1   10.   (Original) The method of claim 9, further

2 comprising:

3   transmitting a digital photograph information of

4   said guest from said service terminal or kiosk system

5   to said central server by way of said communications

6   link; and

7   writing said digital photograph information in a

8   second data field of said guest data object.

1   11.   (Currently Amended) A system for purchasing

2 monetary credits for making monetary transactions within a

3 coverage area, the system comprising:

4   a radio frequency identification (RFID) reader to

5   read a tag identifier stored in [[an]] a radio

6   frequency identification (RFID) tag worn by a guest at

7   said coverage area;

8   an input device to receive information related to

9   a payment for said monetary credits;

10   a network interface to communicate with a central

11   server; and

12   a processor coupled to said RFID reader, said

13   input device, and said network interface, said

14   processor to cause a transmission of said tag

15   identifier and said payment information to said central

16   server by way of said network interface.

1   12.   (Cancelled)

1   13.   (Original) The system of claim 11, wherein

2   said input device comprises a keyboard.

1   14.   (Original) The system of claim 11, wherein

2   said input device comprises a touch screen input

3   device.

1   15.   (Currently Amended) The system of claim 11,

2 further comprising:

3   a display for displaying information related to

4   the purchase of said monetary credits.

1   16.   (Currently Amended) The system of claim 11,

2 further comprising:

3   a printer for generating documents containing

4   information related to the purchase of said monetary

5   credits.

1   17.   (Currently Amended) The system of claim 11,

2 further comprising:

3   a digital camera for taking a digital photograph

4   of said guest and

5   wherein said processor is capable of transmitting

6   said digital photograph of said guest to said central

7   server by way of said network interface.

1   18.   (Currently Amended) The system of claim 11,

2 further comprising:

3   a credit or debit card reader to read information

4   from a credit or debit card, and

5   wherein said processor is capable of transmitting

6   said credit or debit card information to said central

7   server by way of said network interface.

1   19.   (Currently Amended) A central server to facilitate

2   transactions within a coverage area, comprising:

3   a local non-volatile memory to store a <u>plurality</u>

4   <u>of</u> guest data ~~object~~ <u>objects, each of said plurality of</u>

5   <u>guest data objects</u> including a first data field

6   containing information related to monetary credits

7   <u>associated with a guest within a coverage area;</u>

8   a network interface to communicate with a service

9   terminal or kiosk system; and

10   a processor <u>coupled to said local non-volatile</u>

11 <u>memory and said network interface, said processor</u>

12   to receive a tag identifier pertaining to a

13   <u>radio frequency identification (RFID)</u> tag worn by

14   a guest of said coverage area by way of said

15   service terminal [[of]] <u>or</u> kiosk system,

16   to access said guest data object using said

17   tag identifier,

18   to read said first data field to obtain said

19   [[and]] information related to said monetary

20   credits, and

21   to modify said monetary credits information.

1   20.   (Original) The central server of claim 19, wherein

2   said guest data object further includes a second

3   data field to contain information related to credit or

4   debit card information of said guest.

1   21. (Original) The central server of claim 19, wherein
2   said guest data object further includes a second
3   data field containing information related to a digital
4   photograph of said guest.

1   22. (Currently Amended) A plurality of guest data
2   objects stored in a centralized memory of a server, each
3   guest data object comprising
4   a first data field containing information related
5   to monetary credits useful for making monetary
6   transactions within a coverage area and
7   a second data field containing a tag identifier
8   pertaining to a radio frequency identification (RFID)
9   tag worn by a guest of said coverage area.

1   23. (Currently Amended) The guest data objects of
2   claim 22, each further comprising:
3   a third data field containing information related
4   to credit or debit card information of said guest.

1   24. (Currently Amended) The guest data objects of
2   claim 23, each further comprising:
3   a fourth data field containing information related
4   to a digital photograph of said guest.

1   25. (Currently Amended) A data structure stored in a
2   centralized memory of a server used to create a plurality of
3   guest data on objects stored in said centralized memory of
4   said server, wherein said data structure defines:

5 a first data field for containing information

6 related to monetary credits useful for making monetary

7 transactions within a coverage area and

8 a second data field for containing a tag

9 identifier pertaining to a <u>radio frequency</u>

10 <u>identification (RFID)</u> tag worn by a guest of said

11 coverage area.

1 26. (Currently Amended) The data structure of claim

2 25, further defining<u>:</u>

3 a third data field containing information related

4 to credit or debit card information of said guest.

1 27. (Currently Amended) The data structure of claim

2 25, further defining<u>:</u>

3 a third data field containing information related

4 to a digital photograph of said guest.

1 28-32. (Canceled).

1 33. (New) The method of claim 1, wherein

2 said central server includes

3 a processor,

4 a non-volatile memory coupled to said

5 processor, and

6 a network interface coupled to said

7 processor.

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